(b) whether it is a fact that Government are considering some foreign collaboration in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what specific steps are being taken to save this premier unit of steel production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d) With a view to modernising the IISCO plant, at the request of the Government of India, the Japa nese International Cooperation Agency has prepared a feasibility report on the modernisation of Burn-pur Works and Gua Iron Ore Mines of IISCO. The proposed scheme contemplates that the Plant will be expanded in two stages to the ulti mate capacity of production of 2.1 million tonnes of crude steel per annum. The Report, including the question of foreign assistance in implementing the scheme is being examined by Government.

Malfunctioning of I.D.A.

1400. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Dairy Association, New Delhi has been receiving grants/aid from Government of India ICAR from Consolidated Fund of India since its inception and if so, the details thereof including the details of land given to IDA at concessional rates by Government;

(b) whether Government are aware that the IDA has been malfunctioning and quality of its scientific journals etc. has dipped, if so, the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(c) wheher Government are aware that IDA has been Captured' by the Anand group in order to ensure that true informstion on failure of EEC-WB milk projects do not appear in its publications; and

(d) whether IDA is also involved in 3 petty court cases with junior staff DDA and Syndicate Bank over land allotment leading to stoppage of IDA's teal professional work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

वनस्पति घी के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

1401. **श्री अजीत सिंह :** क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत एक वर्ष में वनस्पति घी के दामों में निरन्तर वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं और इस मूल्य वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस मूल्य वृद्धि को रोकने के लिये कौन-कौन से ठोस कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्री तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री ए च० के० एल० भगत) : (क) और (ख) 11-7-87 को वर्ष के दौरान वनस्पति घी के थोक मूल्य सूचकांक में हुई वृद्धि का प्रतिशत 24.8 था । यह वृद्धि मूलत: निवेशों की लागत, जिनमें अनुमत देशीय खाद्य तेलों के मूल्य भी शामिल हैं, में हुई वृद्धि के कारण हुई है ।

(ग) सरकार द्वारा मूल्य वृद्धि को रोकने के लिये किये गये उपायों में से कुछ इस प्रकार हैं :